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In re application of :

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A HUMAN NUCLEAR PROTEIN HAVING A WW  
DOMAIN AND A POLYNUCLEOTIDE ENCODING  
THE PROTEIN

[Corresponding to PCT/JP00/08253  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

*Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:*

A1 This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/08253 filed November 22, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

A2 5. (Amended) An expression vector expressing the polynucleotide of claim 2 in *in vitro* translation or in host cells.

ATTACHMENT D